

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ALCAPONE ALO,

Plaintiff,

v.

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE, STATE  
CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:22-cv-01271-ADA-BAM

**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S  
REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC FILING  
AND FOR SEAL OF THE COURT AND  
CLERK SIGNATURE**

(Doc. 4)

Plaintiff Alcapone Alo ("Plaintiff"), proceeding pro se and *in forma pauperis*, filed this action on October 6, 2022. (Doc. 1.) On October 12, 2022, Plaintiff filed the instant request for permission to file documents electronically through the CM/ECF system. (Doc. 4.) Plaintiff also requests that all documents filed with the Court include both the seal of the Court and the signature of the Clerk of Court. (*Id.*)

Pursuant to the Local Rules, a pro se party shall file and serve paper documents and may not utilize electronic filing unless granted permission by the Court. L.R. 133(a)-(b). A pro se party may request an exception to the paper filing requirement from the Court by filing a stipulation of the parties, or "if a stipulation cannot be had, [a] written motion[] setting out an explanation of reasons for the exception." L.R. 133(b)(3).

Plaintiff states that he needs to use the electronic filing system "due to high inflation and gas prices rising." (Doc. 4 at 1.) Upon review of the pleadings in this action and the instant

1 request, the Court finds that this action currently does not warrant an exception to the Local Rule.  
2 The Court has not yet screened Plaintiff's complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B).  
3 Further, documents intended to be filed with the Court must be mailed to the Clerk of the Court.  
4 See Local Rule 134(a). Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion for permission to utilize electronic filing  
5 will be denied without prejudice.

6 Plaintiff's additional request that all of his filed documents contain the Court seal and  
7 signature of the Clerk of the Court will likewise be denied. Pro se documents filed on the Court's  
8 docket generally include a file stamp, with the date and the signature of a deputy clerk. If  
9 Plaintiff wishes the Court to return a file-stamped copy, he must include an additional copy for  
10 that purpose (i.e., submit an original and two copies, one for the Court's use and one to be  
11 returned). The Court cannot provide copy or mailing service for a party, even for an indigent  
12 Plaintiff proceeding in forma pauperis. Therefore, if Plaintiff wishes a file-stamped copy  
13 returned, he must also provide an envelope with adequate postage pre-paid.

14 For the reasons stated, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- 15 1. Plaintiff's motion for permission to utilize electronic filing is DENIED without  
16 prejudice; and
- 17 2. Plaintiff's general request that all filed documents contain the Court seal and signature  
18 of the Clerk of the Court is DENIED.

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20 IT IS SO ORDERED.

21 Dated: October 24, 2022

22 /s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe  
23 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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